

### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-44 were previously cancelled.

45. (Currently amended) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally rounded and being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered front side and said tapered rear end are situated on and taper toward said longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered rear end leading to a rear tip end which is situated on the outermost surface of said implement, said rear tip end is situated on and tapers towards said axis;

a thumb positioning section situated on said top surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a concave indentation, said thumb positioning section sloping downwardly from said indentation towards said opposing sides of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a thumb rest section, said thumb rest section having an outer edge, said outer edge of said thumb rest section having a rim portion around said outer edge, said thumb positioning section and said thumb rest section are each comprised of a different material; and

an index finger rest section situated on said bottom surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said index finger rest section comprising a cavity with an extended protrusion, said protrusion designed to cover at least a portion of user's index finger, said protrusion slopes downwardly and away from said front side and slopes towards said rear end, said tapered front end having an elongated front tip end, said front tip end narrows in circumference as it extends away from said thumb positioning section and said index finger rest section, said front tip end has an oval cross section.

46. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 further comprising an encirclable section situated adjacent said rear end of said body, said section being generally rounded in its circumference.

47. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 46 wherein said encircable section is designed to support user's palms and three fingers.

48. (Currently amended) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb positioning section is situated above said index finger rest section, ~~said thumb positioning section further comprising an outer rim.~~

49. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 further comprising an aperture situated adjacent said rear end of said body.

50. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section is recessed relative to said thumb positioning section.

51. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section protrudes relative to said thumb positioning section.

52. (Currently amended) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly ~~toward one another~~ has said ends move towards said index finger rest section and then tapers adjacent said index finger rest section.

53. (Currently amended) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly ~~toward one another~~ has said ends move towards said thumb positioning section and then tapers adjacent said thumb positioning section.

54. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section is constructed of a different material relative to said body and said thumb positioning section.

55. (Currently amended) A handle implement comprising:  
an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally rounded and being

generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered front side and said tapered rear end are situated on and taper toward said longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered rear end leading to a rear tip end which is situated on the outermost surface of said implement, said rear tip end is situated on and tapers towards said axis;

a thumb positioning section situated on said top surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a concave indentation, said thumb positioning section sloping downwardly from said indentation towards said opposing sides of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a thumb rest section, said thumb rest section having an outer edge, said outer edge of said thumb rest section having a rim portion around said outer edge, said thumb positioning section and said thumb rest section are each comprised a different material; and

an encirclable section situated adjacent said rear end of said body, said section being generally rounded in its circumference, said tapered front end having an elongated front tip end, said front tip end narrows in circumference as it extends away from said thumb positioning section, said front tip end has an oval cross section.

56. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said encirclable section is designed to support user's palms and three fingers.

57. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb positioning section is situated above said index finger rest section.

58. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said thumb positioning section, said expansion of said rear end forming said encirclable section.

59. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section is recessed relative to said thumb positioning section.

60. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section protrudes relative to said thumb positioning section.

61. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section comprises a friction enhancing surface texture.

62. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section comprises friction enhancing protrusions extending therefrom.

63. (Previously added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section is constructed of a different material relative to said body and said thumb positioning section.

64. (Currently amended) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered front side and said tapered rear end are situated on and taper toward said longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered rear end leading to a rear tip end which is situated on the outermost surface of said implement, said rear tip end is situated on and tapers towards said axis; and

an index finger rest section situated on said bottom surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said index finger rest section comprising a cavity with an extended protrusion, said protrusion designed to cover at least a portion of user's index finger, said protrusion slopes downwardly and away from said front side and slopes towards said rear end, said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said index finger rest section, said tapered front end having an elongated tip end, said tip end narrows in circumference as it extends away from said index finger rest section, said tip end has an oval cross section.